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JOINT COMMENTS

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RE: NTIA and RUS Joint Request for Information

Attached please find a copy of the joint comments of the Vermont Department of Public Service, the Massachusetts Broadband Institute, and the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable filed in response to the joint request for information issued by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA") and the Rural Utilities Service and printed in the Federal Register on March 12, 2009. These joint comments address specific questions issued by the NTIA and include general information about broadband in Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts.

Should you require any additional information concerning this matter, kindly contact me at (617) 305-3580.

Respectfully submitted,

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